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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6
OFFERED BY MR. ROMERO-BARCELÓ
(Tejeda scholarships)

(Page & line nos. refer to Amendment in the Nature of a
Substitute)

Page IV-A-12, after line 22, insert the following new
section (and redesignate the succeeding sections accord-
ingly):

1 **SEC. 405. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**

2 Subpart 2 of part A of title IV of the Higher Edu-
3 cation Act of 1965 is amended by inserting after chapter
4 2 (20 U.S.C. 1070a-81) the following new chapter:

5 **“Chapter 3—Frank Tejeda Scholarship**
6 **Program**

7 **“SEC. 406A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

8 “It is the purpose of this chapter to establish a Frank
9 Tejeda Scholarship Program to recruit and train teachers
10 who are proficient in both Spanish and English and who
11 show promise of academic achievement.

12 **“SEC. 406B. SCHOLARSHIPS AUTHORIZED.**

13 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—The Secretary is au-
14 thorized, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter,
15 to award scholarships to individuals consistent with the
16 purposes of this chapter.

1 “(b) TEJEDA SCHOLARS.—Individuals awarded
2 scholarships under this chapter shall be known as ‘Tejeda
3 Scholars’.

4 “SEC. 406C. ALLOCATION AMONG STATES.

5 “(a) ALLOCATION FORMULA.—From the sums ap-
6 propriated pursuant to the authority of section 406II for
7 any fiscal year, the Secretary shall allocate to each State
8 an amount equal to \$5,000 multiplied by the number of
9 scholarships determined by the Secretary to be available
10 to such State in accordance with subsection (b).

11 “(b) NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE.—The
12 number of scholarships to be made available in a State
13 for any fiscal year shall bear the same ratio to the number
14 of scholarships made available to all States as the State’s
15 population ages 5 through 17 bears to the population ages
16 5 through 17 in all the States, except that not less than
17 10 scholarships shall be made available to any State.

18 “(c) USE OF CENSUS DATA.—For the purpose of this
19 section, the population ages 5 through 17 in a State and
20 in all the States shall be determined by the most recently
21 available data, satisfactory to the Secretary, from the Bu-
22 reau of the Census. The Bureau of the Census shall
23 produce and publish intercensal data for Puerto Rico and
24 the other territories.

1 "SEC. 406D. ELIGIBILITY OF SCHOLARS.

2 "(a) HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OR EQUIVALENT
3 AND ADMISSION TO INSTITUTION REQUIRED.—Each stu-
4 dent awarded a scholarship under this chapter shall—

5 "(1) be—

6 "(A) a low-income individual, as that term
7 is defined in section 402A(g)(2) of this title; or

8 "(B) an individual who is eligible for a Pell
9 Grant under subpart 1 of this part;

10 "(2) be a citizen of the United States;

11 "(3) be a resident of the State in which he or
12 she applies;

13 "(4) be enrolled or accepted for enrollment on
14 a full- or part-time basis, at a graduate or under-
15 graduate level, in an institution of higher education
16 that has an accredited teacher preparation program;

17 "(5) have demonstrated proficiency in the Eng-
18 lish and Spanish languages, as certified by the appli-
19 cant's academic institution; and

20 "(6) have agreed, upon graduation from such
21 program—

22 "(A) to serve no less than one year for
23 each year of scholarship assistance, but no
24 fewer than two years of service in total, as a
25 teacher in a public elementary or secondary
26 school in which there is a demonstrated need

for Spanish-speaking teachers and professionals, as determined by the Secretary;

“(B) to complete such service within 6 years of graduation; and

“(C) that if the student is unable to complete such service, the student will, except as provided in subsection (c), repay the Secretary the total amount, or a pro rata amount of the scholarship received under this chapter in proportion to the amount of service completed, plus interest and collection costs in the same manner as repayment of a student loan made under part D of title IV of this Act.

“(b) **SELECTION BASED ON PROMISE OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.**—Each student awarded a scholarship under this chapter must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and show promise of continued academic achievement, as certified by the student’s academic institution.

“(c) **EXCEPTION TO REPAYMENT OBLIGATION.**—

“(1) **DEFERRAL DURING CERTAIN PERIODS.**—A recipient shall not be considered in violation of the agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (a)(4)(C) during any period in which the recipient—

1 “(A) is pursuing a full-time course of
2 study related to the field of teaching at an eligi-
3 ble institution;

4 “(B) is serving, not in excess of 3 years,
5 as a member of the armed services of the Unit-
6 ed States;

7 “(C) is temporarily totally disabled for a
8 period of time not to exceed 3 years as estab-
9 lished by sworn affidavit of a qualified physi-
10 cian;

11 “(D) is unable to secure employment for a
12 period not to exceed 12 months by reason of
13 having to care for a spouse, child, parent, or
14 immediate family member who is disabled;

15 “(E) is seeking and unable to find full-
16 time employment for a single period not to ex-
17 ceed 12 months;

18 “(F) is seeking and unable to find full-time
19 employment as a teacher in a public or private
20 nonprofit preschool, elementary or secondary
21 school, or education program for a single period
22 not to exceed 27 months; or

23 “(G) satisfies the provisions of additional
24 repayment exceptions that may be prescribed by

1 the Secretary in regulations issued pursuant to
2 this subpart.

3 “(2) **FORGIVENESS IF PERMANENTLY TOTALLY**
4 **DISABLED.**—A recipient shall be excused from re-
5 payment of any scholarship assistance received
6 under this chapter if the recipient becomes perma-
7 nently totally disabled as established by sworn affi-
8 davit of a qualified physician.

9 **“SEC. 406E. SELECTION OF SCHOLARS.**

10 “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF CRITERIA.**—The Secretary
11 shall establish criteria for the selection of scholars under
12 this chapter that meet the requirements of section 406D.

13 “(b) **TIMING OF SELECTION.**—The selection process
14 shall be completed, and the awards made, no later than
15 May 1 of the academic year preceding the academic year
16 for which the award will be used.

17 **“SEC. 406F. STIPENDS AND SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS.**

18 “(a) **AMOUNT OF AWARD.**—Each student awarded a
19 scholarship under this chapter shall receive a stipend of
20 \$5,000 for the academic year of study for which the schol-
21 arship is awarded, except that in no case shall the total
22 amount of financial aid awarded to such student exceed
23 such student’s total cost-of-attendance.

24 “(b) **USE OF AWARD.**—The State educational agency
25 shall establish procedures to assure that a scholar awarded

1 a scholarship under this chapter pursues a course of study
2 at an institution of higher education.

3 **"SEC. 406G. CONSTRUCTION OF NEEDS PROVISIONS.**

4 "Notwithstanding section 471, nothing in this chap-
5 ter, or any other Act, shall be construed to permit the
6 receipt of a scholarship under this chapter to be counted
7 for any needs test in connection with the awarding of any
8 grant or the making of any loan under this Act or any
9 other provision of Federal law relating to educational as-
10 sistance.

11 **"SEC. 406H. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 "There are authorized to be appropriated for this
13 chapter \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and such sums
14 as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal
15 years."